

REMARKS

Applicants would like to express their appreciation to the Examiner for discussing the present application with applicants' representative. During the interview, the Examiner requested that another Terminal Disclaimer be filed.

Applicants are filing an executed Terminal Disclaimer to disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the present application that would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,219,348; 6,389,011; 6,345,048; 6,765,903; and any patent issuing from U.S. patent application no. 10/859,971, subject to exceptions provided in the Terminal Disclaimer. By such filing, applicants make no admissions as to the propriety of any rejections of claims 1 - 18 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Rather, applicants are filing the attached Terminal Disclaimer merely to obtain early allowance of the claims of the present application. Accordingly, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 - 18 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

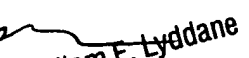
The requisite fee for filing a terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. 1.20 (d) is being paid concurrently. However, if for any reason the attached fee is inadequate, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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